To the Ledbury Urban Council

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Gentlemen

I beg to report that during the past year there have been registered in your District 75 Births, 41 boys and 34 girls, 5 of which were illegitimate, making a Birthrate of 22.8 per 1000 of the population; and 72 deaths, of which 35 were in persons over 60 years of age, 23 over 70 and 11 over 80 years. Fourteen of the deaths occurred in non-residents, so that the deathrate per 1000 of those belonging to your District is 17.6. The deaths under 1 year of age were 10 in number, being the same as the average number for the last 8 years. The chief causes of death, besides senile decay, were Heart diseases 11, Pneumonia 8, Cancer 5, Bronchitis 3, Influenza 3 and Tubercular diseases 3.

There were notified to me during the year 8 cases of Diphtheria and 6 of Scarlet fever,

of which 1 case of diphtheria proved fatal.

The Slaughterhouses, bakeries and lodging houses have been regularly visited and generally found in a satisfactory condition.

The ~~Workshops~~ have also been periodically inspected and their condition as regards ventilation, cleanliness, air space and provision of suitable sanitary conveniences generally found satisfactory.

The weekly collection and removal of house refuse continues to be performed by the public scavenger.

The disposal of excrement is chiefly by pans, which are mainly flushed by hand.

The cases of notified infectious disease have been successfully isolated in the respective houses in which they occurred, and disinfection has been properly carried out.

The town water supply from the High level reservoir has proved abundant, and since the serious leakage in the Worcester Road was discovered and remedied, the supply has been maintained at high pressure

The Summary of Sanitary work in 1904 is as follows: —

Houses & premises inspected		220
New houses erected		5
Overcrowding abated		4
Infectious cases enquired into		13
Houses disinfected		13
New drains laid		22
New water closets erected		12
New water supplies from Town Main		9
Accumulations of ~~Manure~~ Refuse removed		19
Wells cleaned		3
Sundry Nuisances abated		75
Dairies & cowsheds periodically inspected		7
Slaughter houses	Do	5
Bakeries	Do	7
Common lodging houses	Do	4
Factories	Do	8
Schools	Do	4
Notices served		58

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Yr obedient Servt

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